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provisions regarding the length of the initial committee members from a term of service, and that's on page 9, and it makes it so they're staggered terms and you have two members who are appointed for a one-year term, two members for a two-year term, and three members for a term of three years, as determined by the Governor, so that you get them properly staggered. The committee has heard this bill several times and I know that Senator Stuhr and all of the people affected by this bill worked very hard over the interim to address any questions. I think it's important that we license security officers; that there is some state oversight and regulation. And those who are in the business of hiring or providing security officers also believe that there should be some regulation. So I hope the body will help us pass this act this year and, with that, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my explanation of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 72. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ban these people, but that's not going to happen, so Senator Stuhr and others are trying to do the next best thing, which is to regulate them, put in some kind of requirements relative to the uniforms that they wear so they will not be mistaken for sworn law enforcement officers, although there are people wearing those uniforms who should not wear them, in my opinion, but we're not talking about that in her bill. Also, there is some language relative to the granting of firearms permits. I would like to ask Senator Stuhr a question, if she would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you respond?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, I understand that you may not have the answer to this, but I want to raise the question anyway. In order for a person to possess a firearm while functioning in the role of a security guard, does that person